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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Enclosed is a copy of S.U. Patent No. 1346382 which was cited in the Official Action of March 5, 2004 in related U.S. Application No. 10/617,044, filed on July 11, 2003.

Certain documents were previously made of record in prior Application No. 10/117,993 filed on April 9, 2002, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of those documents which were previously made of record in the prior application are not enclosed.

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